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SUBJECT: SEABED ARMS CONTROL TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE:

US STATEMENT ON ARTICLE V

1. US ALTERNATE REP (TURRENTINE) MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN REVCON PLENARY ON JUNE 27 ON ARTICLE V, WHICH DEALS WITH FURTHER MEASURES IN THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT FOR THE PREVENTION OF AN ARMS RACE ON THE SEABED: QUOTE ARTICLE V IMPOSES AN OBLIGATION ON PARTIES TO THIS TREATY TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS IN GOOD FAITH CONCERNING FURTHER MEASURES IN THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT FOR THE PREVENTION OF AN ARMS RACE ON THE SEABED. THE UNITED STATES FULLY RECOGNIZES THIS OBLIGATION AND SUPPORTS IT AS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE TREATY.

THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT THE PURPOSE UNDERLYING THIS OBLIGATION IS TO PREVENT AN ARMS RACE ON THE SEABED. THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT AN ARMS RACE ON THE SEABED HAS OCCURED, AND WE SEE LITTLE PROSPECT FOR ONE. MOREOVER, AS WE NOTED IN OUR OPENING REMARKS, THERE HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATIONS SINCE 1972 ON OTHER SUBJECTS IN THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT WHICH HAVE HAD THE EFFECT OF REDUCING THE RISK OF AN ARMS RACE ON

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THE SEABED. THEREFORE, MY DELEGATION IS NOT CONVINCED THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON FURTHER MULITATERAL ARMS CONTROL MEASURES FOCUSING EXCLUSIVELY ON THE SEABED ARE NECESSARY TO SATISFY ARTICLE V'S PURPOSE. HOWEVER, SEVERAL DELEGATIONS HAVE MADE PROPOSALS REGARDING FURTHER MEASURES CONCERNED SPECIFICALLY WITH THE SEABED, AND WE THINK IT IS DEISRABLE THAT THESE PROPOSALS RECEIVE CARE-

FUL CONSIDERATION. MY DELEGATION BELIEVES THE REVIEW
CONFERENCE SHOULD REQUEST THE CCD TO REVIEW THESE
PROPOSALS. MY DELEGATION IS SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL TO
THIS EFFECT THIS MORNING. END QUOTE

2. US DEL ALSO PRESENTED FOLLOWING DRAFT PROPOSAL
REGARDING ARTICLE V FOR CONSIDERATION IN DEVELOPMENT OF
FINAL DOCUMENT: QUOTE ARTICLE V - THE CONFERENCE AFFIRMS
THE IMPORTANCE OF ARTICLE V'S OBLIGATION ON STATES PARTIES
TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS IN GOOD FAITH ON FURTHER MEASURES
IN THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT FOR THE PREVENTION OF AN ARMS
RACE ON THE SEABED. THE CONFERENCE EXPRESSES ITS SATIS-
FACTION THAT IT HAS IDENTIFIED NO PRESENT THREAT OF SUCH
AN ARMS RACE, AND THAT IN THE FIVE YEARS SINCE THE TREATY'S
ENTRY INTO FORCE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE FIELD OF
DISARMAMENT ON SUBJECTS OTHER THAN THE PREVENTION OF AN
ARMS RACE ON THE SEABED HAVE REDUCED THE RISK OF SUCH A
RACE. NOTING, HOWEVER, THE VALUE OF TIMELY NEGOTIATIONS
DEVOTED SPECIFICALLY TO EHT QUESTION OF THE SEABED, THE
CONFERENCE REQUESTS THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON
DISARMAMENT TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSALS MADE DURING THIS
CONFERENCE FOR FURTHER MEASURES FOR THE PREVENTION OF AN
ARMS RACE ON THE SEABED, GIVING DUE REGARD TO THE
PRIORITIES OF ITS PROGRAM, AND TO THE NEED CITED UNDER
ARTICLE VII OF THIS DOCUMENT FOR AN ORGANIZED INQUIRY
INTO RELEVANT TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS. END QUOTE
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